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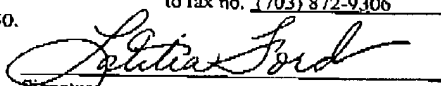
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Applicants assert that Application 10/065,505 and Smith et al. (US 2003/0076981) were, at the time the invention of Application 10/065,505 was made subject to an obligation of assignment to "Ford Global Technologies, Inc." Pursuant MPEP 715.01(b) and MPEP 706.02(1)(3), this disqualifies Smith et al. from being used as a reference under 35 U.S.C. 103 against the claims of Application 10/065,505.

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